

Amendments of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) ~~Programmable logic device~~
Receiver circuitry for adaptively equalizing a ~~received~~ data
signal, the receiver circuitry comprising:

equalization implementation circuitry including a
selectable number of taps, wherein the equalization
implementation circuitry operates on the ~~received~~ data signal;

programmable circuitry for allowing a first number of
taps to be specified;

processing circuitry for computing a second number of
taps; and

selection circuitry for selecting one of the first
and second numbers as the selectable number at the time the
programmable circuitry is being programmed by configuration
data, wherein the selection circuitry is ~~programmed~~ controlled
by the programmable circuitry to select only once, based on the
configuration data, while the equalization implementation
circuitry operates on the ~~received~~ data signal.

2. (canceled)

3. (original) The circuitry defined in claim 1
wherein the processing circuitry performs an algorithm to
compute the second number.

4. (currently amended) A digital processing system comprising:

processor circuitry;
a memory coupled to the processor circuitry; and
~~programmable logic device~~ the receiver circuitry as defined in claim 1 coupled to the processor circuitry and the memory.

5. (currently amended) A printed circuit board on which is mounted ~~programmable logic device~~ receiver circuitry as defined in claim 1.

6. (currently amended) The printed circuit board defined in claim 5 further comprising:

a memory mounted on the printed circuit board and coupled to the ~~programmable logic device~~ receiver circuitry.

7. (currently amended) The printed circuit board defined in claim 5 further comprising:

processor circuitry mounted on the printed circuit board and coupled to the ~~programmable logic device~~ receiver circuitry.

8. (currently amended) ~~programmable logic device~~ Receiver circuitry for adaptively equalizing a ~~received~~ data signal, the receiver circuitry comprising:

equalization implementation circuitry including taps having a selected one of integer spacing and fractional spacing relative to the symbol rate of the data signal, wherein the

equalization implementation circuitry operates on the ~~received~~ data signal;

programmable circuitry for allowing a first selection between integer spacing and fractional spacing to be specified;

processing circuitry for computing a second selection between integer spacing and fractional spacing; and

selection circuitry for selecting one of the first and second selections as the selected one of integer spacing and fractional spacing at the time the programmable circuitry is being programmed by configuration data, wherein the selection circuitry is controlled by ~~a programmable element~~ the programmable circuitry to select only once, based on the configuration data, while the equalization implementation circuitry operates on the ~~received~~ data signal.

9. (canceled)

10. (original) The circuitry defined in claim 8 wherein the processing circuitry performs an algorithm to compute the second selection.

11. (original) The circuitry defined in claim 8 wherein the fractional spacing is a selectable fraction of the symbol period, wherein the first selection can include a programmably specified first fraction, and wherein the second selection can include a processing-circuitry-computed second fraction.

12. (currently amended) ~~Programmable logic device~~
Receiver circuitry for adaptively equalizing a ~~received~~ data
signal, the receiver circuitry comprising:

equalization implementation circuitry including at
least one selectable coefficient value;

first processing circuitry for computing the
coefficient value using a selectable starting value, wherein
the coefficient value is different from the starting value;

programmable circuitry for allowing a first starting
value to be specified;

second processing circuitry for computing a second
starting value; and

selection circuitry for selecting one of the first
and second starting values as the selectable starting value at
the time the programmable circuitry is being programmed by
configuration data, wherein the selection circuitry is
controlled by the programmable circuitry to select only once
based on the configuration data ~~by a programmable element~~.

13. (canceled)

14. (original) The circuitry defined in claim 12
wherein the first processing circuitry performs an algorithm to
compute the coefficient value.

15. (original) The circuitry defined in claim 12
wherein the second processing circuitry performs an algorithm
to compute the second starting value.

16. (original) The circuitry defined in claim 12 further comprising:

further programmable circuitry for allowing selection between (1) operation of the first processing circuitry to fix on the coefficient value that produces satisfactory equalization, and (2) continued operation of the first processing circuitry to continue to possibly adapt the coefficient value even after satisfactory equalization has been produced.

17. (currently amended) ~~Programmable logic device~~ Receiver circuitry for adaptively equalizing a ~~received~~ data signal, the receiver circuitry comprising:

equalization implementation circuitry including at least one selectable coefficient value;

processing circuitry for computing the coefficient value, wherein the processing circuitry receives a starting value and uses the starting value to compute the coefficient value different from the starting value; and

programmable circuitry for allowing selection at the time the programmable circuitry is being programmed by configuration data between (1) operation of the processing circuitry to fix on the coefficient value that produces satisfactory equalization, and (2) continued operation of the processing circuitry to continue to possibly adapt the coefficient value even after satisfactory equalization has been produced.

18. (currently amended) ~~Programmable logic device~~
Receiver circuitry for adaptively equalizing a ~~received~~ data
signal, the receiver circuitry comprising:

programmable circuitry programmed by configuration
data;

equalization implementation circuitry responsive to
an error signal, wherein the equalization implementation
circuitry operates on the ~~received~~ data signal;

first processing circuitry for computing a first
decision directed error signal;

second processing circuitry for computing a second
error signal using a training pattern; and

selection circuitry for selecting one of the first
and second error signals as the error signal at the time the
programmable circuitry is being programmed by the configuration
data, wherein the selection circuitry is ~~programmed~~ controlled
by the programmable circuitry to select only once, based on the
configuration data, while the equalization implementation
circuitry operates on the ~~received~~ data signal.

19. (canceled)

20. (original) The circuitry defined in claim 18
wherein the first processing circuitry performs an algorithm to
compute the first decision directed error signal.

21. (original) The circuitry defined in claim 18
wherein the second processing circuitry performs an algorithm
to compute the second error signal using a training pattern.

22. (currently amended) ~~Programmable logic device~~
Receiver circuitry for adaptively equalizing a received data
signal, the receiver circuitry comprising:

processing circuitry for computing an error signal
using a selectable training pattern, wherein the processing
circuitry operates on the ~~received~~ data signal;

programmable circuitry for allowing a first training
pattern to be specified;

training pattern circuitry for providing a second
training pattern; and

selection circuitry for selecting one of the first
and second training patterns as the selectable training pattern
at the time the programmable circuitry is being programmed by
configuration data, wherein the selection circuitry is
~~programmed~~ controlled by the programmable circuitry to select
only once, based on the configuration data, while the
processing circuitry operates on the ~~received~~ data signal.

23. (canceled)

24. (currently amended) ~~Programmable logic device~~
Receiver circuitry for adaptively equalizing a ~~received~~ data
signal, the receiver circuitry comprising:

equalization implementation circuitry having at least
one sampling point with a selectable location relative to a bit
period of the received signal, wherein the equalization
implementation circuitry operates on the ~~received~~ data signal;

programmable circuitry for allowing a first location of the sampling point to be specified;

processing circuitry for computing a second location of the sampling point; and

selection circuitry for selecting one of the first and second locations as the selectable location at the time the programmable circuitry is being programmed by configuration data, wherein the selection circuitry is controlled by a ~~programmable element~~ the programmable circuitry to select only once, based on the configuration data, while the equalization implementation circuitry operates on the ~~received~~ data signal.

25. (canceled)

26. (currently amended) A method of operating ~~programmable logic device~~ receiver circuitry having programmable circuitry and adaptive equalization capability, the method comprising:

selecting, at the time the programmable circuitry is being programmed by configuration data, a number of taps to be used in equalization implementation circuitry of the device operating on a ~~received~~ data signal from one of a programmably specified number of taps and a computed number of taps, wherein the selecting selects the number of taps only once, based on the configuration data, while the equalization implementation circuitry operates on the ~~received~~ data signal; and

controlling the equalization implementation circuitry to operate with the number of taps selected in the selecting.

27. (currently amended) A method of operating ~~programmable logic device receiver~~ circuitry having programmable circuitry and adaptive equalization capability, the method comprising:

selecting, at the time the programmable circuitry is being programmed by configuration data, a tap spacing to be used in equalization implementation circuitry of the device operating on a ~~received~~ data signal from one of a programmably specified tap spacing and a computed tap spacing, wherein the selecting selects the tap spacing only once, based on the configuration data, while the equalization implementation circuitry operates on the ~~received~~ data signal; and

controlling the equalization implementation circuitry to operate with the tap spacing selected in the selecting.

28. (currently amended) A method of operating ~~programmable logic device receiver~~ circuitry having programmable circuitry and adaptive equalization capability, the method comprising:

selecting, at the time the programmable circuitry is being programmed by configuration data, a starting value for determination of a coefficient to be used in equalization implementation circuitry of the device operating on a ~~received~~ data signal from one of a programmably specified starting value and a computed starting value, wherein the selecting selects the starting value only once, based on the configuration data, while the equalization implementation circuitry operates on the ~~received~~ data signal;

using the starting value selected in the selecting to determine the coefficient, wherein a value of the coefficient is different from the selected starting value; and

operating the equalization implementation circuitry using the coefficient determined in the using.

29. (currently amended) A method of operating ~~programmable logic device receiver~~ circuitry having programmable circuitry and adaptive equalization capability, the method comprising:

selecting, at the time the programmable circuitry is being programmed by configuration data, whether a coefficient to be used in equalization implementation circuitry of the device operating on a ~~received~~ data signal is to be determined once or on an on-going basis, wherein the selecting selects only once, based on the configuration data, while the equalization implementation circuitry operates on the ~~received~~ data signal; and

determining the coefficient in accordance with the selecting.

30. (currently amended) A method of operating ~~programmable logic device receiver~~ circuitry having programmable circuitry and adaptive equalization capability, the method comprising:

selecting an error signal from one of a decision directed error signal and an error signal produced using a training signal at the time the programmable circuitry is being programmed by configuration data, wherein the selecting selects

the error signal only once, based on the configuration data, while equalization implementation circuitry operates on a ~~received~~ data signal; and

using the error signal selected in the selecting in a determination of at least one operating parameter of the equalization implementation circuitry of the device.

31. (currently amended) A method of operating ~~programmable logic device receiver~~ circuitry having programmable circuitry and adaptive equalization capability, the method comprising:

selecting a training pattern from one of a programmably specified training pattern and a predetermined training pattern at the time the programmable circuitry is being programmed by configuration data, wherein the selecting selects a training pattern only once, based on the configuration data, while equalization implementation circuitry operates on a ~~received~~ data signal;

determining an error signal using the training pattern selected in the selecting; and

using the error signal in a determination of at least one operating parameter of the equalization implementation circuitry of the device.

32. (currently amended) A method of operating ~~programmable logic device receiver~~ circuitry having programmable circuitry and adaptive equalization capability, the method comprising:

selecting, at the time the programmable circuitry is being programmed by configuration data, a sampling location to be used in equalization implementation circuitry of the device operating on a ~~received~~ data signal from one of a programmably specified sampling location and a computed sampling location, wherein the selecting selects the sampling location only once, based on the configuration data, while the equalization implementation circuitry operates on the ~~received~~ data signal; and

operating the equalization implementation circuitry using the sampling location selected in the selecting.

33. (new) The circuitry defined in claim 1 wherein the programmable circuitry comprises first and second programmable elements, wherein the first programmable element allows the first number of taps to be specified and the second programmable element controls the selection made by the selection circuitry.

34. (new) The circuitry defined in claim 8 wherein the programmable circuitry comprises first and second programmable elements, wherein the first programmable element allows the first selection between integer spacing and fractional spacing to be specified and the second programmable element controls the selection made by the selection circuitry.

35. (new) The circuitry defined in claim 12 wherein the programmable circuitry comprises first and second programmable elements, wherein the first programmable element

allows the first starting value to be specified and the second programmable element controls the selection made by the selection circuitry.

36. (new) The circuitry defined in claim 22 wherein the programmable circuitry comprises first and second programmable elements, wherein the first programmable element allows the first training pattern to be specified and the second programmable element controls the selection made by the selection circuitry.

37. (new) The circuitry defined in claim 24 wherein the programmable circuitry comprises first and second programmable elements, wherein the first programmable element allows the first location of the sampling point to be specified and the second programmable element controls the selection made by the selection circuitry.